

## Illinois 83/137 Study

# Welcome! Public Meeting #2

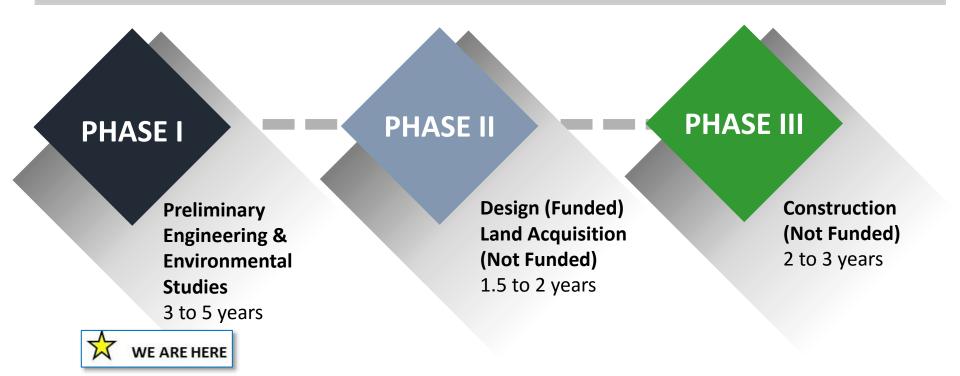
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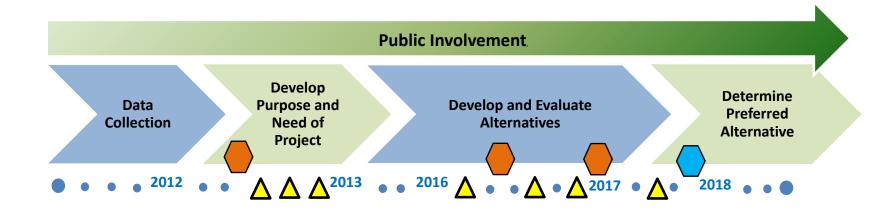
## **IDOT Project Phases**



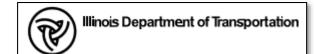


## Phase I Timeline



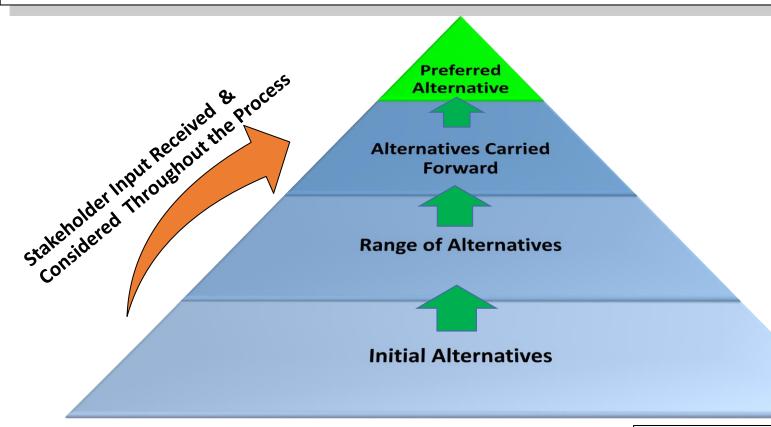






## **Alternative Development Process**





## Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)



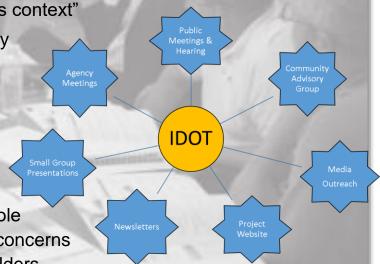


#### **CSS Process**

- Collaborative, interdisciplinary approach
- Preserves scenic, economic, historic and natural qualities
- Addresses all modes of transportation
- Fits into its surroundings, "its context"
- Maintains safety and mobility

#### Goals

- Understand key issues and concerns
- Involve stakeholders in decision making
- Establish an understanding of the stakeholders' role
- Apply flexibility in design to address stakeholder concerns
- Achieve a general understanding among stakeholders



### Public Involvement



#### Public Meeting #1 – March 2012

Purpose: Solicit input on corridor needs and provide opportunity to get involved

CAG Meeting #1 – June 2012

Purpose: Identify study corridor issues and needs

CAG Meeting #2 – Sept. 2012

Purpose: Review Project Problem Statement and Purpose and Need Statement; establish project goals





CAG Meeting #3 – Nov. 2012

Purpose: Alternatives development workshop

CAG Meeting #4 – Jan. 2016

Purpose: Discuss alternatives evaluation and screening process and provide feedback on range of alternatives



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#### What topics will be studied?

- Air quality
- Community and social resources
- Natural resources
- Farmland
- Floodplains
- Historical and archaeological resources

- Land use
- Noise
- Parks and recreation
- Special waste
- Tribal and cultural resources
- Vegetation
- Water quality
- Wetlands





## **Access Management**

**Median Treatment** 





- Urban arterials without a median (undivided) have the highest crash rates.
- Installation of a Two-Way-Left-Turn-Lane (TWLTL) helps reduce crash rates by providing a refuge for turning vehicles.
- A barrier median has the greatest safety benefits and is one reason why medians are being proposed.

#### Raised Curb Median:

- Reduces crashes (potential crash reduction 20 - 40%)
- Provides refuge, making business access safer for left-turning vehicles
- Helps traffic operations for business patrons and travelers
- Provides opportunities for improving aesthetics





## Roundabouts

Roundabouts provide opportunities to improve safety and operational efficiency, as well as other benefits.



- Traffic Safety
- Operational Performance
- Environmental Factors
- Access Management
- Land Use
- Reduction of approach Roadway

## Safety

- Roundabouts reduce vehicle-vehicle crossing conflict by converting all movements to right turns
- Fewer conflict points for vehicles
- Vehicle speeds are low (approx. 20 mph)
- Reduced speed differential between users (cars and bikes)
- Lower crash severity





## Purpose and Need



### The purpose of this project is to:

- Improve safety
- Improve mobility
- Improve multimodal opportunities







## Traffic Characteristics Operational Level of Service (LOS)



#### **Average Daily Traffic (ADT)**

- Existing ADT = **13,000 to 22,000**
- Year 2040 No-Build ADT = 14,000 to 31,000

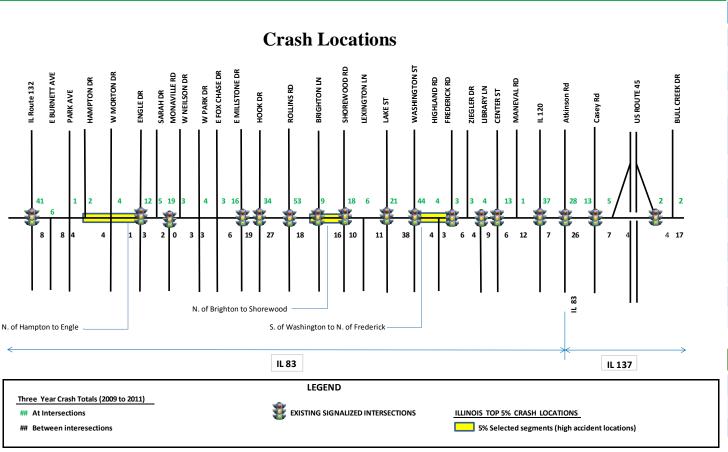
#### **Project No-Build (Year 2040) LOS**

- Lack of capacity
- Without an improvement the traffic congestion within the corridor will be below acceptable levels





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CRASH SEVERITY (2006-2009)	TOTAL
Injury (Minor)	288
Injury (Severe)	25
Fatality	0



## Range of Alternatives North Section – IL132 to Washington St.



### North Section Characteristics Suburban

- Residential and commercial development areas
- · Agricultural properties
- Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve & Yogi Bear Park adjacent to corridor
- Moderate level of access (23 access points/mile)
- Sporadic bike paths and sidewalks
- 4 Schools
- Speed limits range from 30 to 45mph

#### Alternative N1

4-Lanes w/ Raised Curb Median (from IL 132 to Washington Street)



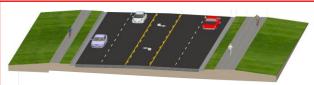
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- Intersection improvements
- · Improved safety due to less conflict points



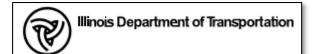
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#### **Alternative N2**

4-Lanes w/ Flush Center Turn Lane (from IL 132 to Park Ave.)



- · Provides more access within section
- Reduced mobility
- Reduced footprint
- Will need to be reviewed for safety



## Range of Alternatives Central Section – Washington St. to IL 120

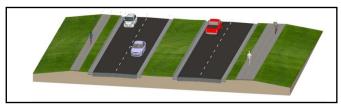


### Central Section Characteristics Urban

- Closely spaced residences and commercial properties
- Frequent direct access points (57 access points/mile)
- · Sporadic bike paths and sidewalks
- 2 Schools
- Speed limits range from 25 to 40mph

#### **Alternative C1**

4-Lanes w/ Raised Curb Median



- · Controlled access improves mobility
- · Intersection improvements
- · Improved safety due to less conflict points



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#### **Alternative C2**

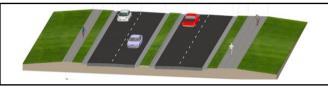
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- Provides more access
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#### **Alternative C3**

4-Lanes w/ Narrow Raised Curb Median



- · Limited access improves mobility
- Reduced footprint
- · Improved safety due to less conflict points
- · Combined with Roundabout Intersections
  - Frederick Rd
  - Library Ln



## Range of Alternatives South Section – IL83 to East of US45

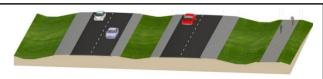


### South Section Characteristics Rural

- · Agricultural property along east side
- · Railroad along west side
- 2 adjacent residential areas and very few businesses
- Low level of access points (5 access points/mile)
- Limited Bicycle/Ped accommodations
  - · One bike path crosses roadway
  - No sidewalks
- Speed limits range from 40 to 55mph

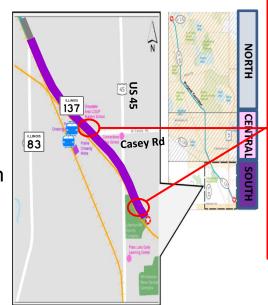
#### **Alternative S1**

4-Lanes w/ 30' Depressed Median



Through entire South Section

- Controlled access improves mobility
- Intersection improvements
- Multi-use path on east side of roadway
- No sidewalk
- Improved safety due to less conflict points



#### **Alternative S2**

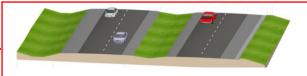
4-Lanes w/ 30' Depressed Median and multi-use path along shoulder



- Reduced footprint in residential development areas
- Improved safety due to less conflict points

#### **Alternative S3**

4-Lanes w/ 30' Depressed Median and no multi-use path



- Reduced footprint in residential development areas
- · Adjacent local roads used for bicycles
- Multi-use path ties into local roadway
- Improved safety due to less conflict points

## We Need Your Input



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- Forms can also be found online at:

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